Number of self-employment units (lakh)			
Year	Target	Sanctioned loans	Disbursed loans
2002-03	25450	43825	38016
2003-04	22950	44842	40481
2004-05	26000	45402*	36856*

*(Provisional)

(c) and (d) Do not arise as the performance has exceeded the targets, both in terms of self-employment units sanctioned and disbursed loans under the Scheme, in Uttar Pradesh.

Schemes for development of ARIs

2506. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes are being implemented by Government for the development of Agro and Rural Industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made as a result of implementation of those schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that India still lags behind in "Agricultural Mechanization"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC), throughout the country to assist eligible applicants in setting up labour-intensive industries in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and thus generate additional employment. Under this programme, entrepreneurs, including unemployed youth, can establish village industries, including agro and rural industries, by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC and loans from any public sector scheduled commercial bank, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

The Government has also been implementing the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), in both rural and urban areas with approximately fifty per cent of the units being in rural areas, for providing self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. This too is a credit-linked subsidy scheme and is implemented through the District Industries Centres of the States and Union Territories, with the loans being provided by banks. Under the PMRY, projects costing upto Rs. 1 lakh for business sector and upto Rs. 2 lakh in other sectors are eligible for assistance, with the subsidy being limited to 15 per cent of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500/-. This ceiling is higher at Rs. 15,000/- per beneficiary, in the North Eastern (NE) Region.

The State-wise details of units set up by eligible beneficiaries under the REGP and PMRY during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement-I and II (*See below*) respectively. These units are part of the agro and rural industries sector.

(c) India lags behind the developed countries in terms of farm power available per hectare as well as density of tractors and combine harvesters per 1000 hectare.

(d) The Government has initiated several measure to increase the farm power and mechanization of the agriculture sector in India. These include providing subsidy to make agricultural equipment available to farmers at cheaper rates under Macro management Scheme; Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses,Oilpalm and Maize, Technology Mission on Cotton; abolishing excise duty on tractors, power tillers, harvesting and threshing machinery, agricultural implements for soil preparation, machines for cleaning, sorting and grading, horticultural/forestry machinery, sprinkler irrigation system, drip irrigation and plant protection equipment; conducting training programmes for farmers at Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes on different aspects of agricultural machanization and also conducting training programmes through outsourcing of training by the institutions identified by the State Government/Implementing Agencies for procurement and demonstration of new agricultural/horticultural equipment to disseminate latest technological know-how among the farmers under the Central Sector Scheme "Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration", etc.

Statement-I

State-wise details of village industry units set up under the REGP during 2002-03, 2003-04 *and* 2004-05

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of units set up		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Chandigarh	1	8	8
2.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	5	2	0
3.	Delhi	9	7	9
4.	Haryana	677	923	1140
5.	Himachal Pradesh	423	414	469
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	105	775	922
7.	Punjab	1358	882	864
8.	Rajasthan	3036	2496	1537
9.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	196	58	6
10.	Bihar	229	88	254
11.	Jharkhand	298	323	240
12.	Orissa	668	1031	991
13.	West Bengal	2459	3348	2584
14.	Arunachal Pradesh	30	32	43
15.	Assam	559	1223	1658
16.	Manipur	79	36	102
17.	Meghalaya	153	210	146
18.	Mizoram	143	33	162
19.	Nagaland	64	61	151
20.	Tripura	141	244	233
21.	Sikkim	16	113	139
22.	Andhra Pradesh	1818	1097	1988
23.	Karnataka	1411	1422	934

1	2	3	4	5
24.	Kerala	789	2046	914
25.	Lakshadweep	0	9	0
26.	Pondicherry	3	47	7
27.	Tamil Nadu	764	1568	925
28.	Goa	244	126	138
29.	Gujarat	126	290	376
30.	Maharashtra	2249	857	1773
31.	Chhattisgarh	216	697	656
32.	Madhya Pradesh	703	1041	1361
33.	Uttaranchal	375	1106	513
34.	Uttar Pradesh	1677	2134	2210
	TOTAL	21024	24747	23453

Statement-II

State-wise details of units set up under the PMRY during 2002-03, 2003-04 *and* 2004-05

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of units set up**		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Haryana	7008	7276	6845
2.	Himachal Pradesh	2209	2862	2774
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	605	656	617
4.	Punjab	7771	7558	7311
5.	Rajasthan	12267	12710	9894
6.	Chandigarh	47	68	192
7.	Delhi	632	904	662
8.	Assam	4149	5844	3527
9.	Manipur	549	520	132

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Meghalaya	256	403	303
11.	Nagaland	107	53	97
12.	Tripura	1085	2043	1437
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	294	668	60
14.	Mizoram	155	775	98
15.	Sikkim	26	30	22
16.	Bihar	7939	9860	8877
17.	Jharkhand	4354	4774	4115
18.	Orissa	6725	8779	3693
19.	West Bengal	2528	2822	3329
20.	Andaman & Nicobar	142	182	115
21.	Madhya Pradesh	16710	19748	14357
22.	Chhattisgarh	3006	3275	2234
23.	Uttar Pradesh	38016	40481	36856
24.	Uttaranchal	4683	5361	5910
25.	Gujarat	7184	6743	6413
26.	Maharashtra	17631	17199	18877
27.	Daman & Diu	2	3	4
28.	Goa	274	116	45
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	10	0	22
30.	Andhra Pradesh	13632	17627	15535
31.	Karnataka	10026	11843	9234
32.	Kerala	9853	14001	15168
33.	Tamil Nadu	9595	11363	13786
34.	Lakshadweep	10	17	3
35.	Pondicherry	213	282	318
36.	**Not specified**	828	897	897
	TOTAL	190521	217743	193759*

*Provisional

**Approximately, fifty per cent of the units established under PMRY are estimated to be in rural areas.